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Police: Guns home-sourced

► Crime guns make up one-third of 361 firearms seized in HRM last year
► Guns becoming standard equipment for criminals: Landry



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Guns used in crimes — like the 26 shootings in HRM so far this year — are overwhelmingly homegrown, police say.

Halifax Regional Police and Halifax RCMP say they seized 129 crime guns in 2010, and were able to track roughly half of them. They discovered 53 were from Canada and seven were smuggled across the border.

In many other areas of Canada it's the other way around.

Const. Brian Palmer with HRP said several of those guns were stolen from legitimate gun owners in the area.

"There's a lot we're unable to trace but the vast majority we're seeing, the recent ones we've gotten, we've been able to trace to break and enters," he said. "We believe they're targeting (gun

Breakdown

Crime guns are those used, or suspected to have been used, in crimes, or have had the serial numbers scraped off.

Of the 53 domestically sourced guns seized in HRM last year:

- 25 are non-restricted long guns (hunting rifles).
- 12 are prohibited sawed-off long guns.
- 9 are prohibited handguns.
- 7 are restricted handguns.

owners)."

Sean Hansen, a gun shop owner and a member of the Atlantic Marksman Association, doesn't believe the figures.

"They come from the United States and they're snuck up here. Have you seen the Halifax police doing a rash of reports on stolen handguns other than the one (last week)?" he said. "It's very disappointing to hear because it's an easy cop-out."

Last week, a man selling a handgun through a newspaper advertisement was sprayed in the face with an irritant and his gun was stolen.

"Guns are a commodity and very highly sought in the criminal community, so to be freely trying to sell them in the community might be something one might want to re-evaluate," said Justice Minister Ross Landry.

Insp. Mike Leighton, who heads up the weapons unit, said after the guns are stolen from houses or cottages, they more than likely change hands a few times.

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► Halifax Dunbrack City Mazda's Peter Garonis and Valley United's James Nunn vie for the ball during yesterday's Nova Scotia Soccer League Premiership game on Mainland Common. Halifax Dunbrack, the league's defending champion, won its season opener 3-1. Story, page 25.

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Warmer weather brings crime spike

► Rise in crime occurred later (May to June) in 2009 ► There are double the number of homicides now compared to this time last year



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Rain and a spike in crime are standard for HRM in springtime.

We've had 26 shootings so far this year, but crime stats show there were shooting clusters in the spring for the past few years.

"We've seen these spikes before and we target resources on the people we feel responsible and we start laying charges," said Const. Brian Palmeter with the Halifax Regional Police.

"It's focusing on the people we think are involved which we think will pay dividends. We are hopeful we're going to start laying some charges."

The warmer weather brings out the flowers, and the criminals, too. Palmeter said it's easier for rivals in the drug trade to take shots at each other come spring.

"Not minimizing the risk to the public, because whenever we have these incidents in broad daylight or they're shooting in a residential area, there's a huge risk to the public," he said. "But these groups are involved



► A police officer helps take measurements after a shooting outside Dooly's pool hall on Portland Street in Dartmouth last month.

in disputes over the drugs or other associated criminal activity and they're settling their disputes with violence. And what we've seen is an increase in the level of violence."

It used to be they would settle their disputes with fists or the odd baseball bat, but in past years guns have made a bigger appearance.

"Once one person gets a firearm, everybody gets a firearm. And once somebody starts firing their gun, then everybody starts firing," Palmeter said.

Crime numbers

A comparison from January to May, last year and this year.

► **2010:**
4 homicides.
24 shootings.
Eight shootings in April, 11 shootings and a homicide

Gun violence is more of a federal issue than a provincial one, but Justice Minister Ross Landry, a former police officer, recognized guns are becoming

in May.

► **2011:**
Eight homicides (four are solved).
26 shootings (there are charges in eight cases, five were closed due to lack of co-operation/information and remainder are active).
Six shootings in April, and six shootings so far in May.

ing standard issue for criminals.

"How we're going to change that mindset or that culture is a rather difficult thing to do," he said.

Man in court over toddler's death

A 29-year-old Indian Brook man is due in provincial court in Shubenacadie today charged with second-degree murder in the death of a toddler last fall.

Police say James Joseph Peter-Paul was arrested at his home on Friday. He is charged in the October death of three-year-old Matthew James Raymond Peter-Paul of Indian Brook. RCMP received a 911 call on Oct. 1 reporting a child in cardiac arrest.

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Details

► Sgt. Brigdit Leger would not say whether the accused and the child were related.

Cops charge coach with sexual exploitation

A 53-year-old Dartmouth man is scheduled to appear in court today charged with luring a child, sexual exploitation and possession of child pornography. Joseph Emile (Luc) Potvin of Dartmouth was charged Friday and spent the week-end in jail. Police say they received a complaint last week about a man's conduct with a 17-year-old woman with whom he held a position of trust.

The CBC reports Potvin was a volleyball coach and referee. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Roadside bust leads to charges

Three people are facing charges after police say drugs, body armour and an imitation firearm were seized during a traffic stop.

Police say around 4 a.m. Saturday, a vehicle

travelling on Forest Hills Parkway was pulled over, with the four occupants inside acting suspiciously. Police say a search of the vehicle found more than 100 grams of marijuana, along with some cocaine. The imitation firearm and a soft body armour was also seized from one of the males.

Facing charges are a 21-year-old Dartmouth female and two men aged 20 and 21 from Eastern Passage. ● METRO

N.S. to help those facing drug abuse

Several drug-related deaths in the Annapolis Valley have prompted a promise from the province to increase methadone treatment spaces for people with substance abuse problems.

Health Minister Maureen MacDonald made the an-

nouncement Friday after receiving a report on recent deaths in the Annapolis Valley that have been linked to prescription drugs.

"The sudden death of a loved one because of substance abuse is tragic," MacDonald said in a statement.

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No arrests yet in two robberies

There were two robberies in HRM yesterday, both around 1:30 p.m.

A man and woman are facing charges after police say the Wool Sweater Com-

pany on Upper Water Street was held up by two people, one of whom had a knife and demanded money.

Police also say Dartmouth Tobacco on Portland Street in Dartmouth was robbed around the same time. Money was stolen, with the suspect indicating he had a gun. There have been no arrests.

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Premier wants new payment deal for region

► Premier Darrell Dexter speaks with reporters in this file photo.

Area has been historically heavily dependent on federal transfers to deliver public services

Two Atlantic premiers say their provinces need special consideration under equalization and health transfers from the federal government to offset the escalating costs of delivering public services.

The region's four premiers began a two-day meeting yesterday in Sussex, N.B., to discuss issues of mutual concern, but the sometimes divisive issue of federal transfers tops the list.

The agreement on transfers with the federal government expires in 2014. During the federal election, Prime Minister Stephen Harper committed to maintaining the six per cent annual increase in health care funding to the provinces.

Prince Edward Island Premier Robert Ghiz said

he is concerned because if the Atlantic provinces are to be able to offer relatively the same level of health care as other provinces, then the current per capita funding formula is unfair — especially when you compare the region to provinces like Alberta where the population is younger.

Premier Darrell Dexter agrees, and says it's important that the four premiers have a united voice in advance of a meeting of all premiers in July in Vancouver.

"If it is simply done on a per capita basis, then we end up being disadvantaged in comparison with other provinces, and that's not a position we want to find ourselves in," Dexter said.

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Tories apply to intervene in hearings on power rate hike

The opposition Conservatives are applying to intervene at hearings this fall into a proposed power

rate increase for the province.

Leader Jamie Baillie says his caucus has filed a letter seeking intervenor status with the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

Hearings into Nova Scotia Power's latest request are scheduled to begin Sept. 19.

Power bills could rise an average of 7.3 per cent for all customers next year under the rate application filed by the private utility.

Baillie says Nova Scotians deserve to know why they are being asked to pay more for power.

He says the governing New Democrats repeatedly turn to taxpayers to pay

for spending initiatives, and now it appears that's spilling over to utility ratepayers.

"One of the things we are determined to uncover is the extent to which the NDP's policies and regulations are driving this latest rate increase," Baillie said in a statement over the weekend. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Province's response at odds with inquiry: Sister

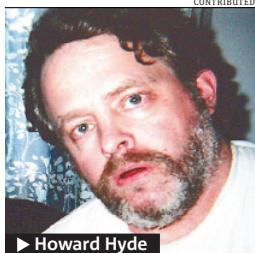
► Hyde died Nov. 22, 2007, after struggle with jail guards
► Premier received sister's letter, spokeswoman says

The sister of a mentally ill man whose death in a jail cell prompted a public inquiry is accusing the province of trying to hide the cause of Howard Hyde's death.

Joanna Blair has written a scathing letter to Premier Darrell Dexter, saying she is "shocked and saddened" by the government's official response to the inquiry, released Thursday.

Blair's letter says the government has "failed" her brother and all Nova Scotians because its response is at odds with the inquiry's conclusion that Hyde's death was caused by a struggle with guards whose restraint techniques may have interfered with his breathing.

Instead, Blair says, the



► Howard Hyde

government's response revives a medical examiner's conclusion that Hyde died of a condition known as excited delirium due to paranoid schizophrenia — a controversial finding rejected by the head of the inquiry, provincial court judge Anne Derrick.

"This 52-page brochure ... succeeds only in propounding the use of the term 'excited delirium,'"

Blair writes in the letter, released Friday.

"We requested the inquiry because we did not believe my brother died of the now renamed 'autonomic hyperarousal state.'"

Derrick concluded the Taser use did not cause Hyde's death. However, she found that Hyde was already in a psychotic state when he was stunned, and the jolts only worsened his mental state.

In its response to Derrick's report, the government says it has yet to clarify its guidelines for Taser use, saying a "clear understanding of how the use of conducted energy weapons may affect individuals in an autonomic hyperarousal state is needed." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Hair. For Heroes



► Dalhousie University student Craig Reesor smiles as he gets his head shaved at the Hair for Heroes event at the Halifax Shopping Centre on Saturday afternoon.

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A lot off the top to help cancer kids

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- 1 Adele - Rolling In The Deep



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Unrest on all fronts

► Protesters storm Israeli borders in deadly clashes ► Israel points finger at Syria as orchestrator

Mobilized by calls on Facebook, thousands of Arab protesters marched on Israel's borders with Syria, Lebanon and Gaza yesterday in an unprecedented wave of demonstrations, sparking clashes that left at least 15 people dead in an annual Palestinian mourning ritual marking the anniversary of Israel's birth.

In a surprising turn of events, hundreds of Pales-

tinians and supporters poured across the Syrian frontier and staged riots, drawing Israeli accusations that Damascus, and its ally Iran, orchestrated the unrest to shift attention from an uprising back home. It was a rare incursion from the usually tightly controlled Syrian side and could upset the delicate balance between the two longtime foes.

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► Israeli policemen guard the border fence yesterday as residents of Majdal Shams stand on the hill after mainly Palestinian protesters crossed from Syria into the Israeli-annexed Golan Heights close to the Druze village of Majdal Shams to mark Nakba Day.



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Wider NATO raids in Libya urged

NATO aircraft blasted an oil terminal in a key eastern city at nightfall yesterday, Libyan TV reported, after Britain urged the alliance to widen its assault on areas controlled by ruler Moammar Gadhafi.

The Libya TV report said the bombs hit methanol tanks at the oil port of Ras Lanouf, causing leaks. NATO officials had no immediate comment. The reported attack came as the Libyan conflict appeared largely stalemated, with each side claiming gains one day, only to be turned back the next.

The head of Britain's armed forces, Gen. David Richards, appeared to relate to the stalemate and frustration in the West over the slow pace of warfare in

► Smoke billows from the site of a blast near Tripoli yesterday after several loud explosions shook east of the capital.



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Libya, with Gadhafi still in power, able to taunt NATO for failing to unseat him.

In remarks published in The Sunday Telegraph in London, Richards urged NATO to widen the range of targets the alliance's planes

are allowed to hit in the effort to stymie the Gadhafi's regime's attacks on protesters. He said "more intense military action" was needed or the conflict could end in stalemate.

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4 Canadian soldiers injured in chopper crash

Four Canadian soldiers were injured, one of them seriously, when a Chinook helicopter crashed on landing under moonlight in a remote part of Panjwahi district in southern Afghanistan early this morning local time.

The chopper, carrying five crew and about 25 soldiers along with a Canadian Press journalist, flipped on to its side, throwing men and equipment into a mad tangle of bodies, weapons and gear.

Despite the smell of fuel, there was no fire but the helicopter was severely damaged. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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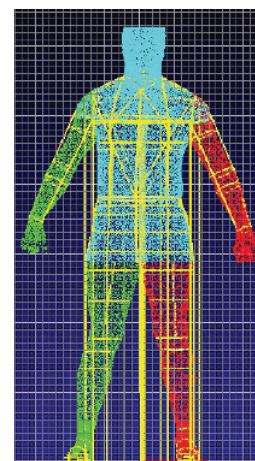
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Flood water seeps across farmland

► 150 residents were evacuated as Manitoba's government initiated a controlled flood

Residents near Portage la Prairie, Man., watched as the water came yesterday — creeping across the prairie towards their homes and farmland.

"It's like in a scary movie when they play that suspension (music) and you know something's coming but you don't know what it is," said Shea Doherty, whose farm is just south of the Hoop and Holler bend, where a deliberate flood is taking place.

The Manitoba government cut a hole in a dike on Saturday to try to ease

record-high water levels on the Assiniboine River and prevent a larger, uncontrolled flood.

If all goes as planned, the water will fill up low-lying fields and eventually top a grid road, spilling over into the next field and slowing down as it spreads. Any damage caused may not be known for days.

Army personnel, volunteers and work crews used sandbags and water-filled tube dikes to help protect homes and buildings.

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Rate of rush

Manitoba's controlled flood is expected to affect more than 150 properties.

► Water is released from the dike at a rate of 500 cubic feet per second — enough to fill an olympic-sized swimming pool in three minutes.

► Water flow will increase every day to maximum of 3,000 cubic feet per second.



► The breach in the dike at the Hoop and Holler bend is seen along the Assiniboine River outside of Portage la Prairie, Man., where the provincial government initiated an intentional flood early Saturday.

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Quebec right won't unite: ADQ leader

The leader of the Action Democratique du Quebec says talk of a merger with another right-leaning group is nothing more than a rumour.

Gerard Deltell says he plans to lead his party, which holds four seats in the province's legislature, into the next election.

The possibility of a

merger between the ADQ and a group headed by former Parti Québécois cabinet minister Francois Legault was central to discussions at a party meet-

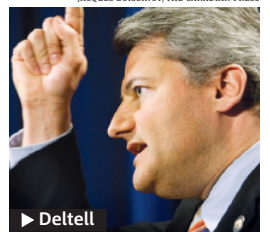
ing on the weekend in Trois-Rivières, Que.

The ADQ's three other members say they support Deltell.

But they also say they

respect Legault and that the right must be united to have a chance against the governing Liberals and the Parti Québécois.

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► Deltell

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Government seeking public input

The Departments of Environment and Energy are undertaking a joint technical and policy review of potential environmental issues associated with the practice of hydraulic fracturing in shale gas operations. We are inviting all Nova Scotians to comment on the draft scope of the review.

The draft scope and information on the review can be found at www.gov.ns.ca/nse

Written comments on the topic areas to be included in the scope can be submitted by e-mail at frac-review@gov.ns.ca, online at www.gov.ns.ca/nse or by mail to:

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The deadline for submissions is June 6, 2011.

Submissions must include your name and public comments will be available online when the final scope of the review is released.


NOVA SCOTIA

McKenna set to deliver Wallace McCain eulogy

► Mogul and philanthropist will be remembered on Friday ► Funeral to be fed by satellite to two churches

Former New Brunswick premier Frank McKenna will deliver the eulogy for Wallace McCain, who died last Friday at the age of 81.

Funeral services for the mogul and philanthropist will be held this week in Toronto.

Linda Smith, a spokeswoman for Maple Leaf Foods, says McCain's children are expected to speak at the service.

Smith says the proceedings will be fed by satellite to two churches at the same time in Florenceville, N.B., which is



► Frank McKenna

also McCain's hometown.

McCain helped turn a small New Brunswick french fry plant in Florenceville into a multibillion-dollar frozen foods empire.

McCain Foods operates around the world.

Wallace McCain was forced out of the company he helped found after a falling out with his brother Harrison.

He went on to head a faltering Maple Leaf Foods and was credited for putting it on more solid footing.

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SECOND ATTEMPT

**Last launch
for shuttle
Endeavour**

With wounded U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords on hand to watch, the space shuttle Endeavour is poised to give the work week a roaring and historic start this morning, overcoming wiring problems that grounded it last month.

Giffords' arrival yester-

day afternoon included a quick fly-by of Endeavour on the launch pad.

"Gabrielle is excited for the launch. Do you plan to see history in the making?" her staff tweeted.

NASA officials said conditions, from weather to technical issues, couldn't look much better for the scheduled 8:56 a.m. launch today.

NASA is expecting smaller crowds — 400,000 people instead of 750,000 people — for the second attempt.

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**Floodgates
breached**

Authorities are warning people to get out of low-lying areas as water gushing from a floodgate for the first time in four decades creeps closer to communities in Louisiana.

Most residents heeded the warnings yesterday.

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**78 injured at
Egyptian sit-in**

Egypt's top Christian leader called on his followers to end a week-long sit-in yesterday in front of a government building after a mob attacked the Christian protesters and their supporters, injuring 78.

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'The great seducer' or the great assaulter?

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▶ International Monetary Fund (IMF) managing director
Dominique Strauss-Kahn.

▶ IMF chief arrested less than four hours after alleged assault

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Dominique Strauss-Kahn's nickname was "the great seducer." Not even an affair with a subordinate could knock the International Monetary Fund leader off a political path headed for the French presidency.

All that changed with charges he sexually assaulted a maid in his hotel room, a case that generated shock and revulsion, especially in his home country.

The 32-year-old maid told authorities when she entered his suite Saturday afternoon, she thought it was unoccupied. Instead, Strauss-Kahn emerged from the bathroom naked, chased her down a hallway and pulled her into a room,



▶ Headlines in two New York newspapers.

where he forced her to perform oral sex on him and tried to remove her underwear authorities said.

"He denies all the charges against him," said Benjamin Brafman, his lawyer.

Unless the charges are dropped, they could destroy his chances in a presidential race that is just starting to heat up.

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In the wake of bin Laden

► U.S. Senator John Kerry reiterates scope of recent events, their effect ► Says finger pointing counterproductive, positivity needed to move forward

U.S. Senator John Kerry warned yesterday that already shaky U.S.-Pakistani relations have reached a critical juncture as calls grow in the United States to cut some of the billions of dollars in aid to Islamabad following al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden's killing.

Kerry, who spoke in Afghanistan before travelling to Pakistan, said sober and serious discussion was

"We need to find a way to march forward if it is possible. If it is not possible, there are a set of downside consequences that can be profound."

U.S. SENATOR JOHN KERRY

needed to resolve the widening rift amid growing suspicion that Pakistan's security forces were complicit in harbouring the al-Qaida leader, who was killed May 2 in a raid by U.S. Navy

SEALs near Islamabad.

For its part, Pakistan is angry that it was not told about the raid in Abbottabad until after it was completed, saying its sovereignty was violated.

"We want to be hopeful and optimistic that we can work our way through this," he said.

But he made clear that patience was running thin in Washington after it was discovered that the terror leader had been living for years in a compound in a military garrison town that includes Pakistan's equivalent of West Point.

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U.S. war on drugs looks north

► Michigan drug bust exposes use of tiny airports by Canadian smugglers

Beefed-up enforcement along the Mexican border has made smuggling more challenging for criminal cartels using the major southern routes, but drugs continue to flow across the porous northern border

through small airports as officials look for new ways to fight back.

Tracking rogue planes at low altitude with their transponders off is "like trying to pick a needle out of a haystack," said John

Beutlich of U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano says the U.S. hopes to start tapping into 22 Canadian radars to fill surveillance gaps on the border.

Border authorities also conduct routine air patrols, but some lawmakers would like military-grade radar along with drones that could detect small aircraft.

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Down to the final 4

After years of poring through images from space and debating where on Mars the next NASA rover should land, it comes down to four choices.

Scientists in the close-knit Mars research community get one last chance to make their case this week when they gather before the "judges" — the team running the \$2.5-billion US mission that will soon suggest a landing site to NASA, the ultimate decider.

The stakes are high. Lo-

60 The short list was culled from nearly 60 hopefuls in a selection process that began in 2006.

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The rover Curiosity, the size of a mini Cooper, is scheduled to launch in late November after a two-year delay. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Catching. Waves



► Sofia Mulanovich of Peru competes in Round 4 of the Billabong Rio Pro Women's surfing competition in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, yesterday. Mulanovich lost the round to Stephanie Gilmore of Australia.

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Surf's (way) up in Brazil

Green light for PlayStation Network



► Sony executive Kazuo Hirai says the company has beefed up security to protect PlayStation customers' personal data. He also offered "sincere regret" for the hacker intrusion.

► Among the 100 million user accounts, Sony says about 92 million can access limited network service

Sony began restoring its PlayStation Network service yesterday after shutting it down almost a month ago because of a massive security breach that affected more than 100 million online accounts.

Restored operations are limited mainly to online gaming, chat and music streaming services. Sony said it aimed to fully restore the PlayStation Network by the end of the month.

Sony also began a

phased restoration of its Qriocity movie and music services, which share the PlayStation Network's server.

Kazuo Hirai, chief of Sony's PlayStation video game unit, said the company has enhanced security measures to protect customers' personal data, and added that Sony had not received any reports of the stolen information being used illegally.

The probe into the hacker attack is ongoing.

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Playing havoc

► Sony Corp.'s PlayStation Network is a system that links gamers in live play. Sony shut it down on April 20 after discovering it had been hacked and customers' personal data compromised.

► Since the shutdown, Sony's share price has dropped nearly nine per cent to close at 2,241 yen (\$27) on Friday.

Keep TMX Canadian, rival bidders say

A group of four big banks and five pension funds has submitted a \$3.6-billion rival bid for TMX Group — operator of the Toronto stock exchange — in the hope of derailing a merger with the London stock exchange.

The companies, who call themselves Maple Group Acquisition Corp., say their bid will enable TMX Group to achieve the scale and efficiency it needs to succeed in an increasingly competitive marketplace, while preserving Canadian governance, decision-making and regulatory oversight.

Maple's investors include: Alberta Investment Management Corporation, Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec, Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, CIBC World Markets, Fonds de solidarite des travailleurs du Quebec, National Bank Financial, Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board, Scotia Capital and TD Securities.

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No more oil until war over: Libyan producer

Libya's largest petroleum company will not produce oil until the war ends, and that probably holds good for producers across the country, a spokesman said yesterday.

Abdeljalil Mohamed Mayuf, information director of Arab Gulf Oil Co. — responsible for more than one-quarter of Libya's former production of 1.6 million barrels a day — said the company feared further attacks by ruler Moammar Gadhafi's forces.

The decision came after rocket attacks on April 4 badly damaged a pumping station and production facilities at southeast Messla. A pumping station on the pipeline to Tobruk port also came under attack.

"We cannot put an army around each field," Mayuf said, adding that resuming production "depends on this military operation and when Gadhafi leaves."

Libya's three-month revolt against Gadhafi has caused oil prices to soar.

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Market moment

TSX	Dollar
- 31.42 (13,358.01)	- 0.84¢ (103.09¢ US)
Oil	Natural gas
	1,000 cu ft
- \$1.01 US (\$97.96 US)	\$4.17 US (- 2.4¢ US)
	Gold
	\$1,491 US (- \$15.80 US)

Macau gambles on diversifying economy

The Galaxy Macau, a multi-billion-dollar casino resort complex, opened yesterday as Macau seeks to draw a broader mix of visitors than the high-rolling mainland Chinese who have helped the city become the world's most lucrative gambling market.

The launch of Macau's 34th casino comes as the city seeks to diversify its economy away from gambling after years of soaring growth that helped it overtake Las Vegas as the world's top casino market.

Macau's economy has

boomed since a four-decade casino monopoly was broken in 2002, opening the way for U.S. and Australian operators to enter the market with local partners. Monthly casino revenues so far in 2011 have grown by at least 33 per cent, after surging by more than half last year to \$23.5 billion.

The former Portuguese colony, once considered seedy and corrupt, now aims to develop cultural attractions that can draw more middle-class families who will stay longer.

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Another Galaxy

- The \$1.9-billion complex, owned by Galaxy Entertainment Group, has 450 gambling tables and space for up to 1,500 slot machines.
- It also boasts a 40,000-square-foot wave pool and an artificial beach built with 350 tons of white sand. Guests can stay at three hotels with a total of 2,200 rooms.
- The Galaxy Macau is the only casino scheduled to open in the city this year.



► Visitors pose with hostesses at the Galaxy Macau casino, which opened yesterday to the crackle of firecrackers and the beat of a traditional Chinese lion dance.

Lowered expectations for U.S. economy

► High oil and commodity prices force economists to revise predictions for growth

A survey by the U.S. National Association for Business Economics predicts gross domestic product will grow 2.8 per cent, down from its February prediction that it would grow 3.3 per cent.

The outlook for consumer spending and the housing market also weakened, in part because oil prices are expected to remain above \$100 US a barrel through 2012.

The predictions reflect the jitters of the American public, who are still recovering from the recession and are now getting squeezed by rising prices for gas, groceries and other

household items. Retailers are paying more for fuel, cotton, wood pulp and other raw materials, and say they have no choice but to pass along the price increases to customers.

Business spending was the bright spot, with NABE predicting investment in equipment and software will rise 11.9 per cent this year.

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Growing pains

► The economists also lowered predictions for consumer spending growth (2.8 per cent, down from 3.2 per cent) and housing starts (610,000, down from 660,000).

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Yahoo in talks over Alipay

Yahoo Inc. and Alibaba Group are engaged in "productive negotiations" over the online payment service

Alipay, the tech giants said yesterday, though they gave few details.

Yahoo owns 43 per cent of Alibaba, a powerful Internet company in China. On Tuesday, Yahoo surprised Wall Street when it said Alibaba had spun off Alipay. Investors, worried that Yahoo's stake in Alibaba will be less valuable, sent Yahoo's stock down.

Alibaba transferred Alipay to another company owned by its CEO, Jack Ma.

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The question, of course, is why?

According to the latest CityThink survey — conducted for Metro Halifax and the Greater Halifax Partnership

— 91 per cent of us are pleased as punch to live in our awkwardly named Halifax Regional Municipality. Forty-two per cent of us, in fact, are very smug about it.

Why?

Consider that this particular poll was conducted from April 13-23, deep in the trough of the never-ending annual rite of rain that is our spring, a stretch season that will drearily continue, with occasional one- or two-day sunshine teases until sometime in late July, when our briefest of brief summers unofficially begins.

That can't be the reason — to quote reporter Aly Thomson quoting songwriter Joel Plaskett — “I love this town.”

Nor can it be — please, no — the fact we keep electing vision-less Peter Kelly as mayor of us all, along with his barking dog's breakfast of municipal councillors endlessly debating cat bylaws and memos on councillor decorum.

Keep in mind this city we love so dearly — and which an equal percentage of us see ourselves living just as happily in for the foreseeable future — spent \$330 million-plus to build a harbour-solutions sewage solution that is only a solution when the sun shines. (See paragraph 4; see outside your window.)

This is also — remember — the city that recently secretly funnelled millions of our tax dollars into the

pockets of multimillionaire entertainers because we wouldn't spend our own non-tax dollars to buy tickets to watch them perform.

This is a city that can't decide whether to build a new convention centre, a new stadium, both, or neither; have a historic downtown, a highrise downtown, both, or neither ... what it will be when it grows up.

So why do we — me included — love it so much?

Could it be that intoxicating — if occasionally fragrant and floatable-filled — comingling of salt water and sea air?

Our accidental-but-it-works muddled mess of old and new, art and commerce, busy and bucolic?

Or perhaps, to steal another random line from the same Joel Plaskett song: “It's not what you think?”

Perhaps it's Joel Plaskett?

Sure. Why not? There's got to be a rational reason that I love this town.



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Worth mentioning

MONTREAL. Didn't get around to dusting this weekend? Don't worry. It turns out dust might actually hold some benefits for you.

The perennial household nuisance actually purifies the air by neutralizing ozone that can harm our lungs.

Dust can do this because one of its major components is human skin — which contains the ozone-eliminating component squalene.

Humans constantly shed their skin, losing up to 500 million cells per day. At that rate, according to Charles Weschler, who helped author a study whose results were announced last week by the American Chemical Society, it would take a person two to four weeks to turn over all of the skin cells on their body.

It's these skin flakes that clean the air. Their squalene helps neutralize ozone.

Most people might think of ozone as a good thing — and it is, when it's up high in the atmosphere and protecting us from ultraviolet radiation. But when it's down here, closer to us in the air that we breathe, it's a pollutant.

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Local tweets



► @jenn_grant: This must be some sort of record for how long the sun has been hiding from halifax.

► @BrindisMom: My neighbours who know what is going on — wanted me to name names. Not sure that's a good idea just yet. #Brindi #halifax #abuseof-power

► @cfdavison: Guy on Dresden Row: “Where can we get a beer this early?” Uhh it's #Halifax. That pub, that pub, that pub, that bar

and that pub.

► @CocaColin: funny how the foghorns from the harbour are like an alarm clock for the city. even sounds like a vibrating phone! #Halifax

► @DorisJanssen: Last day in #Halifax and can't believe the spirit, hospitality and amount of bars/restaurants in 4 block radius!

► @brimaco: @InFlight_Safety Hey! When will you be playing in Halifax next? Your cd's only carry me so far, until I need to see you live! :D

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When you gotta go, you gotta go

A dog that wasn't quite housebroken may have indirectly been responsible for a bomb scare at a New York courthouse.

The trouble began Friday when 19-year-old Melvin Ruffin arrived at a court complex in Central Islip, N.Y., following a long bus ride from his home in Bellport.



During the trip, another passenger's chihuahua urinated on his backpack.

So he stashed the wet bag in some bushes while he went inside to answer a disorderly conduct citation.

But a retired police officer saw the bag and alerted security.

The bomb squad was ultimately called in. Officers used a robot to determine the bag didn't contain anything harmful. Ruffin tells Newsday that authorities let him off with a warning to be more careful next time about where he left his stuff.

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Is Okkervil primed for the mainstream?

► Despite positive press, band's singer-songwriter is not sure commercial breakthrough lies ahead

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Okkervil River has made its name on literate, orchestral indie-rock, a creative concoction that has proven to be extremely successful for other bands over the past year.

However, as they've watched their peers skyrocket to the top of the charts, the cerebral Texas outfit has yet to find a large audience, and the band's singer-songwriter Will Sheff says he's not necessarily expecting a commercial breakthrough with the group's newly released sixth record, *I Am Very Far*.

"This is something people say all the time," Sheff, 34, said in a telephone interview. "As we went through our almost 15 years of being a band, we would watch bands like the Decemberists and the Arcade Fire kind of be this tiny little band ... that would suddenly be five billion times bigger than us months later.

"At first, it was really frustrating because we felt like we had been doing our thing that we do for a really, really long time. And what got frustrating was people who hadn't heard of us (who) thought we were influenced by these bands that had half the lifespan of us or whatever.



► Okkervil River's frontman Will Sheff, centre, produced the band's new album *I Am Very Far* himself. "I am incredibly proud of this record," he said. "I think it's our best one."

"But at the same time, I never really wanted to be a mega-huge stadium rock star. I've really realized that the amount of constraint that you have to be under when you're trying to be successful, it's frustrating. You really have to stress about the perception of every last little thing you do. ... I didn't get into the music business to feel career pressure.

"I (like) the manoeuvrability that we have, where I basically get to do whatever ... I want, and if I want to make a record (of) throat

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The 11 tracks on *I Am Very Far* achieve a grandiosity that was the result of ambitious studio sessions that occasionally featured two guitarists, two pianists, two drummers and seven guitarists playing simultaneously.

singing and nobody buys it, I don't have to feel bad."

And yet, for all Sheff's hard-earned sovereignty,

plenty of observers seem to think *I Am Very Far* might propel his band to new commercial heights anyway.

The Guardian's four-star review asserted that Sheff and co. "seem intent on following the Arcade Fire route to mass accessibility," while the BBC called the band "Wilco waiting to happen" — before arguing that *I Am Very Far* would signal the band's arrival.

Sheff admits to having absorbed some of that positive press, and doesn't deny the subsequent relief that

washed over him.

"It makes me really happy," he said. "When I was making this record, I was really aware that ... if you really loved (the band's previous albums) *The Stage Names* and *The Stand Ins*, that you might not like this record or it might not give you the exact same thing that you wanted.

"And I was aware that might make certain people disgruntled or something like that, so it was nice to see that people were responding to the record."

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Box office



Thor nailed down the No. 1 spot at the box office again. The 3-D superhero film from Paramount, based on the Marvel comic, earned US\$34.5 million in its second weekend, according to studio estimates yesterday.

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'A modern fairy tale'

The latest Cannes Film Festival entry from Belgium's Dardenne brothers is the story of an abandoned boy, his unlikely saviour and his beloved bicycle.

The Kid With a Bike tells the alternately brutal and tender tale of 11-year-old Cyril, left in a children's home by his feckless father; Samantha, a hairdresser who almost by accident becomes his surrogate mother; and the bike he pedals furiously through a chaotic world. The last film to get this much mileage from a bicycle was *Breaking Away*.

It's another gritty slice of working-class Belgian life from the filmmaking siblings — and also a fairy tale.

"At one point we nearly called the film *A Modern Fairy Tale*," Jean-Pierre Dardenne, one half of the duo, told reporters after the film's first screening Sunday at Cannes. Cyril is a lost child, "a bit like Pinocchio or Red Riding Hood."

"He has to undergo certain experiences and loses his illusions," Dardenne said. "There's the forest, which is a place of tempta-

tion, there's the bad wolf ... and then there's the good fairy who saves Cyril."

Jean-Pierre and his brother, Luc — who jointly write, produce and direct their films — are Cannes royalty. Five of their films have appeared in competition here over the years, and two have won the top prize, the Palme d'Or — *Rosetta* in 1999 and *L'Enfant* (The Child) in 2005.

The brothers are adored by Cannes cinephiles for the seemingly effortless naturalism with which they depict life on society's fringes.

The balance between realism and fairy-

tale redemption is one the brothers say they found easy to strike.

Luc Dardenne — at 57 the younger brother by three years — said the film grew from the real-life case of a Japanese boy whose father dumped him in an orphanage, but reimagined as a love story.

"The woman in our film is capable of saving the child, capable of giving him something that will give him back his childhood," he said. "For us this is a beautiful tale. It's a tale of very successful love."

"One can view it as a critical view of our society.



► Belgian filmmakers Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne made *The Kid With a Bike*, which is screening at Cannes.

We adults are often swept up in our own self-image ... We tend to look inwards at ourselves instead of looking at other people. So indeed our film does reflect life today in society, but it's an exception."

The film is powered by the performances of Thomas Doret as the angry, inarticulate but vulnerable Cyril, and Cécile de France — a Belgian actress best known to English-speaking audiences as a tsunami survivor obsessed

by the afterlife in Clint Eastwood's *Hereafter* as Samantha.

The actress said Eastwood and the Dardenne brothers had almost nothing in common — "apart from their talent, of course."

While Dardenne movies involve meticulous rehearsal and preparation, the American director "doesn't rehearse, he doesn't come when we are trying out the costumes, there's often just one take."

"Eastwood tries to put spontaneity in the film," she said. "He's looking for the magical instant. ... There's a huge adrenaline rush as a result. This energy is channelled into a very short, intense climax."

"With the Dardenne brothers, the same thing happens but it's much more spread out over time."

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Getting behind the camera

► Actress Famke Janssen makes her writing and directorial debut with the immigrant tale *Bringing Up Bobby*

Getting downsized out of screen roles is inevitable for most actors — and particularly actresses — as they get into their 40s and beyond. With her writing-directing debut, *Famke Janssen* is taking the do-it-yourself route to ensuring she still has a film career.

Janssen's mother-son comic drama *Bringing Up Bobby*, starring Milla Jovovich, is playing in the huge movie market that accompanies the Cannes Film Festival, where the filmmaker hopes to find distributors to put it into theatres in the United States and elsewhere.

The 46-year-old Janssen

aims for a career balance of acting and directing.

"I'm hoping that I can juggle both for a little bit, at least," Janssen said in an interview. "The older you get as a woman, the less parts you'll have just by nature. And then I really don't want to go down the whole plastic surgery route and become obsessed with the way I look, which is very much a part of being an actress, sadly."

Janssen, who played telepath Jean Grey in the *X-Men* franchise and a James Bond villain who crushes victims with her legs in *GoldenEye*, took a couple of years off from big-screen acting to raise

money to get her own film off the ground.

Bringing Up Bobby stars Jovovich as Ukrainian con artist Olive, a brash, boisterous woman raising her young son in Oklahoma through a variety of schemes and gifts. Bobby (Spencer List) adores his mom, but Olive is forced to decide if he might have a better future in the custody of a grieving couple (Bill Pullman and Marcia Cross) who take an interest in the boy.

Janssen wrote the screenplay based on a story idea she and her boyfriend, Cole Frates, came up with. A native of the Netherlands who moved to New York



► Actress Famke Janssen poses for a portrait as she promotes the film *Bringing Up Bobby* at the 64th international film festival in Cannes, southern France.

City to work as a model in her late teens, Janssen said she was inspired by her own experiences as an immigrant observing America, particularly in heartland states such as Oklahoma, where Frates grew up.

"I just wanted to play around with the idea of what is it like to look from the outside into a country? What's the perception?" Janssen said. "Then very much the idea of living the American dream, which I

feel like I'm the perfect example of. America's a land of immigrants and people who come there with big dreams, and that's my journey. It's Olive's journey."

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Big shoes (and shirts) to fill

► Ashton Kutcher has already said that he can't replace Charlie Sheen. But let's face it, he will certainly face comparisons to him on *Two and a Half Men*.

There's a new man on the scene at *Two and a Half Men*. But is Ashton Kutcher man enough?

With Friday's announcement that Kutcher will be replacing Charlie Sheen, viewers could begin to wonder how he will be plugged into the hit sitcom's tight little world. Can his particular appeal fill the void of the caustically droll Sheen? And just who the heck will his character be?

Neither CBS nor Chuck Lorre, the series' creator, were giving any hints as they confirmed the deal to bring Kutcher into a show where Sheen's character was the comic centre, portraying an advertising jingle writer with a playboy lifestyle and an overwrought brother.

Kutcher, who first found sitcom stardom more than a decade ago on *That '70s Show*, specializes in puppy dog wholesomeness and laid-back, goofy sexiness. He's perhaps the anti-Sheen.

"We are so lucky to have someone as talented, joyful and just plain remarkable as Ashton joining our



family," said Lorre, also the show's executive producer.

"Added to that is the deep sigh of relief knowing that our family stays together. If I was any happier, it'd be illegal."

"I can't replace Charlie Sheen," said Kutcher, adding that he plans to work hard "to entertain the hell out of people."

Kutcher's quote was the news release's sole men-

tion of Sheen, who, two months ago, was fired by Warner Bros. Television when it cut short production of the show's eighth season following Sheen's public implosion through hard partying and angry criticism of Lorre.

Now Charlie is gone, and, with him, the show's dependably winning formula.

The deal to replace him

Perspective

Brad Adgate, an analyst for the firm Horizon Media, gave his thoughts on Ashton Kutcher replacing Charlie Sheen on *Two and a Half Men*.

► "He's not a star, I don't think, the way Charlie Sheen is," Adgate said. "(But) it's a hit show and it's something worth trying before you pack it in. You just never know."

with Kutcher apparently came together quickly, following reports this week that negotiations with film actor Hugh Grant to join the show had fallen through. A deadline on deciding whether the show would continue was looming, with CBS set to unveil its fall schedule to advertisers in New York next Wednesday.

Kutcher is not as well-known as Sheen but, at age 33, is a dozen years younger and has a huge flock of fans who check in on his every utterance on Twitter.

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Kim Cattrall earns honour at GLAAD Media Awards

Kim Cattrall and *The Kids Are All Right* were among the winners Saturday night at the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation's 22nd annual Media Awards.

The *Sex and the City* star was honoured with the Golden Gate Award, which is presented to a media professional who has increased the visibility and under-

standing of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities.

The Oscar-nominated family drama *The Kids Are All Right*, starring Annette Bening and Julianne Moore as lesbian mothers, was awarded the outstanding film trophy at the GLAAD ceremony at the Marriott Marquis in San Francisco.

Other winners included

8: *The Mormon Proposition* for documentary, Christian Chavez as Spanish-language music artist, Kara Swisher as local hero and AT&T as corporate leader.

The GLAAD Media Awards honour media for accurate and inclusive representations of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities.

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No longer Gaga over her boyfriend

► Luc Carl joined pop star on tour, but stress of the road and Gaga's hectic schedule were too much for the couple

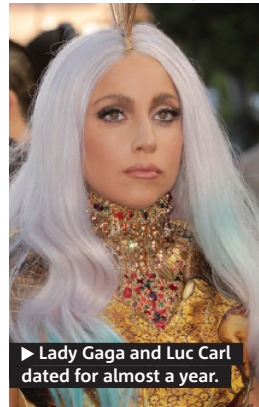
After almost a year of dating, Lady Gaga and boyfriend Luc Carl have called it quits, she tells the BBC's Graham Norton. "No, I don't have a boyfriend and haven't been on any dates recently."

But keeping busy is normal for the pop star: "At a certain point exhaustion becomes a state of being, and mentally I have to be strong and overcome it. It's like a cloud, a fog really, that hovers over me," she recently told V magazine.

"But in a way I will never escape it, because in truth when I do have to time to rest I end up writing a song, or editing a film or creating a new project for the fans to be involved in."

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► Lady Gaga and Luc Carl dated for almost a year.

Lohan still peeved

Lindsay Lohan is still miffed over former friend Paris Hilton's dig at her during a promo for Hilton's new reality show. "Lindsay is really trying to change her life for the better. This proves Paris will never change. She's

always going to be mean and spiteful to other women," a source tells Popeater. "Really, Paris had to make a wisecrack about Lindsay in a homeless shelter? It just shows how insecure she is."

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Friends star back in rehab

Former Friends star Matthew Perry is planning a return trip to rehab, though it's more of a preemptive step than a result of a relapse, according to People magazine. "I'm making plans to go away for a month to focus on my sobriety and to continue my life in recovery," Perry says in a statement to the magazine. "Please enjoy making fun of me on the World Wide Web." Perry has previously been to rehab twice, in 1997 and 2001, and has struggled with prescription medications and alcohol in the past. ● METRO



► Matthew Perry



Life as a hockey player took a drastic turn when 14-year-old Michael Rumsby from Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia, was diagnosed with a brain tumour. After undergoing chemotherapy, surgery and radiation, Michael learned the true meaning of courage and teamwork.

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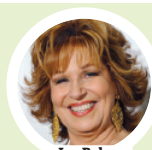
Today, Joy Behar is marking her calendar, Elizabeth Banks is looking to be entertained, and Conan O'Brien is feeling snubbed.



Conan O'Brien



"Oprah has revealed who the guest will be on her final show and it's not me. P.S. Congrats to whoever 'Will Smith' is."



Joy Behar

"May is National Masturbation Month. Not that I need to tell you."

Elizabeth Banks



"I need something new to read. Tweeps, what's the next Hunger Games?"

Ferrell game for more Anchorman

Will Ferrell is completely flummoxed by Paramount Pictures' reluctance to green-light a sequel to Anchorman, he tells Popeater.

"I don't understand how they conduct their business," he says.

"I don't know what they think. Once again they don't comment either way, but it's not like it's coming from us unsolicited. We just keep getting asked so many times about it that we have to comment. We try to ex-

plain there's so much interest in a sequel, we're not making this up!"

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► Will Ferrell

Obama tight with Bieber

U.S. President Barack Obama may make a dream come true for the daughter of one of the Americans killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Payton Wall, 14, has always wanted to meet Justin Bieber. White House officials say the girl met Obama last week. She mentioned she was a fan of Bieber. A senior aide to Obama told ABC News that White House officials contacted Bieber's staff asking if the singer could meet Payton. TMZ reports that Bieber told the White House he will meet the girl.

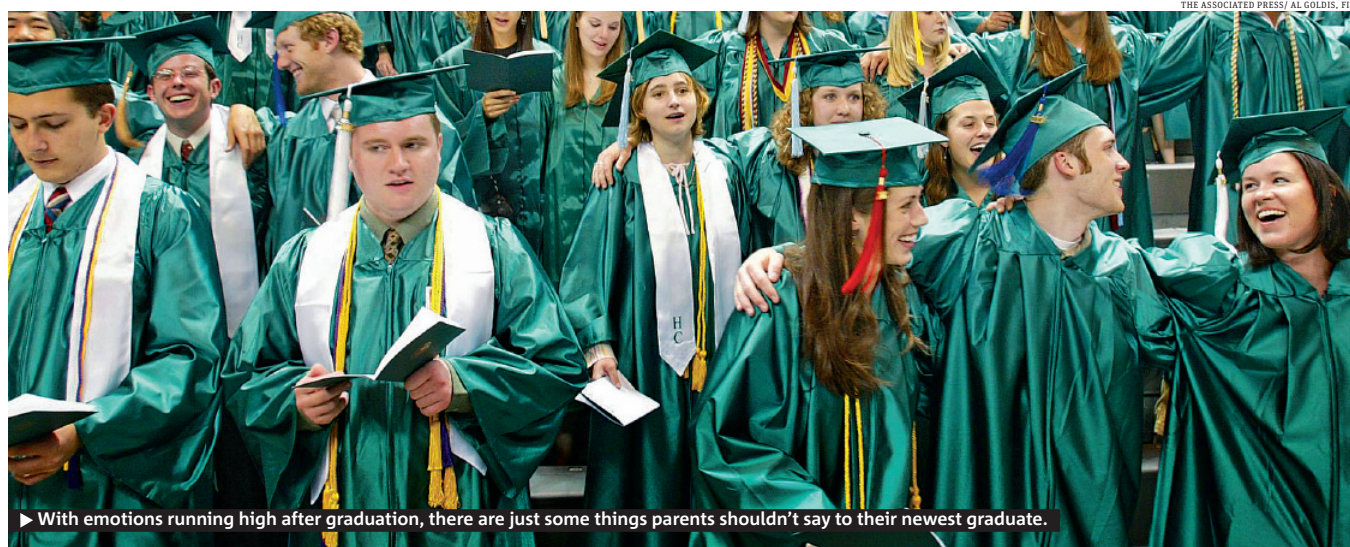
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Spears' ex-manager wants her to testify

Britney Spears' former manager, Sam Lutfi, wants the singer to take the stand to testify that he was not the main force behind her mental breakdown, but Spears' parents believe she isn't mentally capable of giving a deposition, according to Billboard.

Lutfi, who believes the pop star is capable of speaking for herself, has demanded a psychological exam to prove it.

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10 things not to say to your recent graduate

► After the caps and gowns have been hung up and diplomas have been framed, it's time for grads to find work ► As a parent you want to help, but some things are better left unsaid

The playing of Pomp and Circumstance is over. The mortar boards have been thrown in the air. And the diplomas are hung up on the wall.

Your son or daughter is now home and looking for work in his or her field during one of the toughest economic climates in decades. How bad is it, exactly? In the U.S. in 2010, college graduates had a 9.4 per cent jobless rate. Before the recession it was 5.5 per cent.

Many grads have moved back home, and this spring is sure to see another

wave of boomerang kids moving out of the dorm for the last time and heading reluctantly back to their old bedrooms.

This is not necessarily because they want to, but because they can't pay rent elsewhere on their own.

As a parent you want to help. But what to say?

It's an emotional time, and nerves may be frayed. You certainly don't want to start doing their laundry again, but you also don't want to provoke a fight.

With that in mind, here are 10 things *not* to say to

a recent college graduate.

1 "I'm sure we all need a break from stress, but you need a job before you know what real stress is."

2 "Since you are applying for jobs now, you might want to remove those beer pong pictures from your Facebook page."

3 "Some time in the military never hurt the old resumé."

4 "You may recall that we were not thrilled with your choice of a creative writing degree, but your contention

that we promised to support you until you sell your first novel does reveal a truly creative mind."

5 "Remember that I plan to retire in six years, and it's important that you be paying your share of Social Security by then."

6 "I don't care what your roommate told you. Not Everyone has a trust fund."

7 "I'm sure Tiffany's surgery will help her job prospects, but we are not paying for a nose job."

8 "It's too bad you didn't find a nice (man/woman) in college, because you'll never again be around so many eligible people." (On the other hand, asking, "You're still with him (her)?" might not go over well either.)

9 "We forgot to mention we've turned your old room into our scrapbooking centre. How do you feel about sleeping on the couch and putting your stuff in a storage unit?"

10 "I heard that they're hiring ... in China."

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You need this

Air Hunterz Z-Curve Bow

TimetoPlayMag.com released its Most Wanted toys for spring.

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A taste of Asia in a warm salad

► This grilled mushroom salad is ideal to serve with fish ► It also pairs well with any grilled meat

Used in this Grilled Oriental Mushroom Salad are a variety of assorted fresh mushrooms and a zesty Asian-style dressing.

Its zesty dressing makes the salad perfect to serve with grilled meat or fish.

However, it can also be served alone for a healthy lunch.

Preparation:

1 In a small saucepan, mix the oil, soy sauce, vinegar, garlic, mustard, onions and ginger root. Set the mixture set aside.

2 Pile the mushrooms in the centre of a large piece of heavy aluminum foil. Drizzle them with teriyaki sauce. Fold in edges and ends of the aluminum foil to seal well.

3 Barbecue mushrooms on high heat for 5 to 6 minutes or until steaming. Heat dressing on barbecue or stovetop just until boiling.

4 Divide salad greens evenly among 4 large salad plates. Top with warm mushroom slices and drizzle with hot dressing. Sprinkle sesame seeds on top. Serve immediately.

Tip: Prepare the dressing in a microwave-proof 500-ml (2-cup) bowl or glass measuring cup and heat until it is boiling. The mushrooms could also be cooked in a 220 C (425 F) oven instead of on the barbecue.

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Ingredients:

- 45 ml (3 tbsp) each vegetable oil and soy sauce
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) rice vinegar
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) mustard
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) finely minced ginger root
- 500 g (1 lb) sliced assorted mushrooms (white, cremini, portobello, shiitake, oyster)
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) teriyaki sauce
- 4 l (16 cups) mixed greens
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) sesame seeds



► This recipe makes one serving.

These aren't your regular scrambled eggs

► Kick breakfast up a notch by combining simple ingredients & almonds

Rich in nutrients and deliciously satisfying, this Almond Scramble dish uses very simple ingredients to take breakfast to the next level.

Even though it's a breakfast dish, it also makes an ideal weekend brunch or hearty meal for any time of day.

Preparation:

1 In a dry non-stick skillet over low heat, lightly toast sliced almonds until they are golden brown. Set aside.

2 In a bowl, whisk the egg and egg whites together. Season the mix with salt and pepper and set aside.

3 In the same skillet over medium heat, heat oil and cook the garlic until it is lightly browned, about 1 minute. Add the mushrooms and spinach and cook until the spinach has wilted, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the tomatoes and cook, stirring, just 1 minute more.

4 Reduce heat and gently pour the eggs into the pan, but do not stir. Cook and gently push and lift the eggs with a heat-proof spatula while tilting the pan from one side to the other until eggs are set.

5 Spread goat cheese onto the egg mixture with toasted almonds. Slide scramble from the pan to a plate and serve.

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Ingredients:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) sliced almonds, toasted
- 1 whole egg
- 2 egg whites
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) canola oil
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) sliced baby portobello mushrooms
- 250 ml (1 cup) baby spinach leaves
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) cherry tomatoes, halved
- 30 g (1 oz) goat cheese, softened
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Pure plastic

- Many sea animals eat plastic, mistaking it for food
- A shocking sight: seabirds' bellies are bursting with our everyday plastic

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Jan van Franeker spends his day examining the stomachs of dead seabirds. He doesn't see many small fish there. Instead he finds plastic — and in large amounts.

"Birds have an average of 0.3 grams of plastic inside their stomachs," van Franeker explains. "That may not sound a lot, but if you translate that into human terms, it's like having a lunch box full of plastic inside your gut."

Franeker, a marine biologist at Holland's Institute for Marine Resources and Ecosystem Studies, specializes in the Northern fulmar, a seabird found in the North Atlantic.

The fulmars are not alone in eating plastic. Other birds, dolphins and seals encounter plastics in their feeding areas and mistake it for food. Even whales have been discovered with stomachs full of plastic bags. They've been munching plastic since the material began littering our oceans some 50 years ago. Even today, ships off the coasts of developed countries continue to dump their waste into oceans. Every year, 20,000 tons of waste is dumped in the North Sea alone.

When RW Henry analyzes the stomachs of dead albatrosses, he finds all sorts of things, from toothbrushes to plastic skulls.

Once he even discovered a plastic Buddha.

"Albatrosses take their food from the ocean surface," explains the scientist from University of California, Santa Cruz.

"They eat dead fish that has floated up, and plastics don't look that different. Sometimes the plastic ruptures their stomach, but many birds also die because they've eaten so much plastics that there's no space for food."

Biologists face a research challenge as marine animals are always mobile.



Seabirds are increasingly being found with stomachs full of plastics.

"How many animals affected by trash is a problem that we're just starting to quantify," Henry says.

Between 1999 and 2008, plastic rubbish in the world's oceans increased by 700 per cent.

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Inside bird's gut

0.3g average amount of plastic in a bird's stomach

95% Northern fulmar birds who have plastic in their stomachs

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Impact lost in lectures? Life hungry

► Education leaders explore ways of keeping students longing to learn

Physics instructors should get away from university lectures and instead engage students with an approach that involves clicker response questions, small group tasks and class discussion, says Nobel prize winner Carl Wieman.

And to do otherwise is "bad teaching," he says.

Wieman and colleagues at the University of British Columbia compared the standard lecture format for classes of 200-plus students with the experimental "deliberate practice" approach for a week on two large sections of an introductory undergraduate physics course.

Students in both groups covered the same material during Week 12 of the course and wrote identical tests, but there was better attendance, higher engagement and twice the learning in the section taught using the new approach.

"It's really what's going on in the students' minds much more than who's standing in front of them," Wieman said from Washington, D.C.

The lecture course was led by a highly rated charismatic faculty member, but the experimental course for the week was led by Louis Deslauriers, a trained but inexperienced postdoctoral student, assisted by Ellen Schelew – both co-authors of the study.

When asked if the approach should be used in high school and other university-level science class-



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► Dr. Carl Wiener believes that simplistic lecturing is synonymous with 'bad teaching.'

"It's really what's going on in the students' minds much more than who's standing in front of them."

DR. CARL WIENER,
NOBEL PRIZE WINNER

es, Wieman said the methods should be used everywhere.

"This is clearly more effective learning. Everybody should be doing it. It should be wholesale transformation," he said.

"You're practising bad teaching if you're not doing this. That's what the

data says. It's high time everybody changed."

Wieman won the 2001 Nobel Prize in Physics for the creation of a new form of matter, and is currently on leave from positions at UBC's Vancouver campus

and the University of Colorado. He's working for the Obama administration as associate director for science in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

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Content with a click

- Jason Harlow, a senior lecturer in the physics department at the University of Toronto, said many of the same suggestions brought forth by the study – including having students use \$50 clickers to answer questions – have been done at U of T for a couple of years.
- The remote hand-held devices enable students to register their responses to questions posed by the instructor.
- "One thing we've noticed is whenever you change something it increases student engagement and even student learning during the initial stages of that change," he said.

► How taking a step back helped this BBQ maverick find a medium between work and what matters

TURNING POINT

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Six years ago Ted Reader seemed to have it all. "The King of the Q" had built an empire around his name and smokin' personality, writing award-winning cookbooks, starring on television and touring North America. But Ted was desperately unhappy. "I was on the phone, travelling, and working hard. I was carrying some weight and I was angry and bitter all the time." Reader took stock of his life and realized he had reached a turning point. He downsized his business, went back to his BBQ and started to cook.

Today he's a happy man, husband and the father of two young children. His cookbooks, sauces and spice rubs fly off the supermarket shelves. "I'm living life and I'm having a good time at it. I want to share that with people. I'm working harder today than I ever have but I'm having fun."

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The perfect steak

Ted's tips:

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- Sear one minute each side with the lid open.
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Sea Dogs seal President's Cup with 2-OT victory

Alexandre Beaugard scored the winner for the Saint John Sea Dogs in a 3-2 double-overtime victory over the Olympiques in Gatineau last night to capture the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League's President's Cup.

Stanislav Galiev and Jonathan Huberdeau scored for the Sea Dogs as Jacob DeSerres faced 36 shots. Philip-Michael Devos and Adam Janosik scored for the Olympiques. Maxime Clermont stopped 52 shots.

Saint John won the QMJHL final series 4-2. The Sea Dogs had the best record in the QMJHL, going 58-7-1 in the regular season, and will now advance to the Memorial Cup tournament in Mississauga, Ont. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Local track meet goes national

The Aileen Meagher International Track Classic is now a part of Athletics Canada's National Track League series.

The annual event, held at Huskies Stadium, will feature more than \$300,000 in prize money as part of the points-

based, grand-prix style series.

"The series will be an opportunity to showcase our best athletes as they strive to compete against the best in the world," said event spokesman Kevin Heisler.

This year's Aileen Meagher will be held on July 10. The NTL will also make stops in Edmonton, Toronto, Vancouver and Victoria.

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Dunbrack kicks off season with a win

► Defending champs waste no time flexing their muscles ► Three different scorers find net in win



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Halifax Dunbrack City Mazda has resumed its winning ways in a new Nova Scotia Soccer League Premiership season.

Dunbrack, which cruised to last summer's championship with a final-game victory over Suburban, opened the season with a 3-1 victory over Valley United yesterday afternoon at Mainland Common.

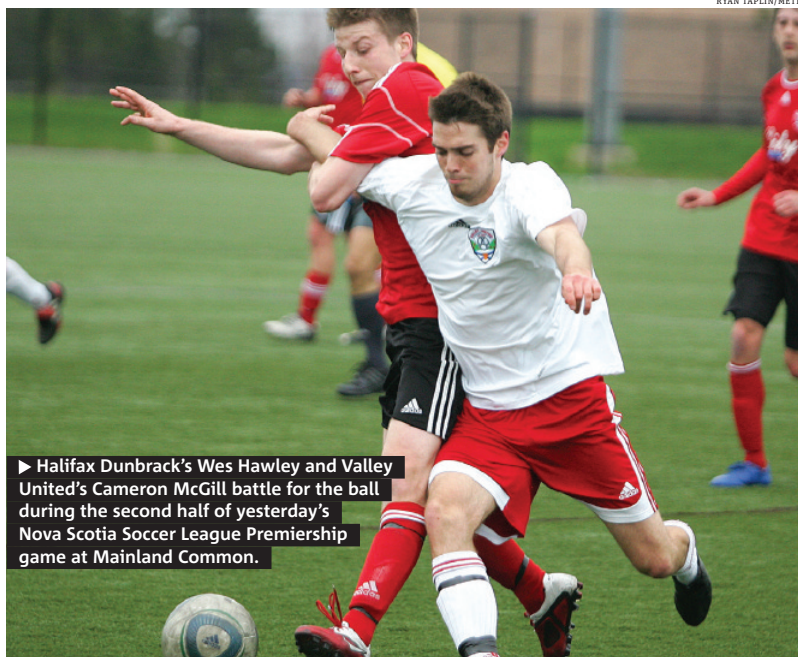
Hamzeh Afani, Billy Connolly and Wes Hawley connected for goals for Dunbrack, which is tied for first with Halifax County at 1-0.

In other men's action yesterday at Mainland Common, Halifax City battled to a 1-1 tie with Dartmouth United. Jono Hammond found the net for City, while Dan Fournier replied for Dartmouth.

Women's

Premiership

Defending national champion Halifax Dunbrack opened up the women's Premiership season with a 2-0 win over Suburban on Friday. Two-time Golden Boot winner Leanne Huck scored both goals and Liz Cook had the shutout.



► Halifax Dunbrack's Wes Hawley and Valley United's Cameron McGill battle for the ball during the second half of yesterday's Nova Scotia Soccer League Premiership game at Mainland Common.

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"That's something we don't like to see and don't want to see, but he's a first-year player. He's a rookie and he's certainly learning ... and I'm sure you're not going to see him do that again."

BOSTON BRUINS HEAD COACH CLAUDE JULIEN ON HAMMONDS PLAINS NATIVE BRAD MARCHAND, WHO WAS SEEN BREAKING HIS STICK ON THE BENCH DURING A 5-2 LOSS TO THE TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING IN GAME 1 OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE FINAL.

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► Jose Bautista, left, is congratulated by teammate Edwin Encarnacion yesterday after his two-run home run, his third homer of the game, in the sixth inning in Minnesota.

Canucks rally for victory

Henrik Sedin and Kevin Bieksa scored goals 79 seconds apart in the third period as the Vancouver Canucks battled back to defeat the San Jose Sharks 3-2 last night in the opening game of the NHL's Western Conference final.

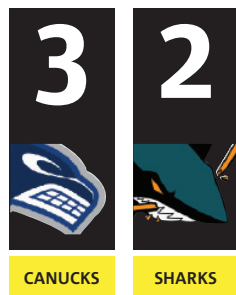
The quick goals pumped some energy into a game that had lacked excitement. Maxim Lapierre had the other Vancouver goal.

Joe Thornton, with a goal and an assist, and Patrick Marleau, on the power play, scored for San Jose. The Sharks led 2-1 after 40 minutes.

Game 2 will be in Vancouver on Wednesday. The best-of-seven series moves to San Jose for games Friday and Sunday.

Sedin put Vancouver ahead 3-2 on a power-play at 8:21 of the third after Dany Heatley was called for elbowing. The Canuck captain took a pass from defenceman Christian Ehrhoff and flipped a backhand past Shark goaltender Antti Niemi for just his second goal of the playoffs.

"We're here to score goals and produce. That's tough to do in the playoffs," Sedin said. "I think a lot of games we played well and had our chances but pucks haven't gone our way. Tonight we started out be-



ing minus-1 after the first two. That's a tough start but we battled back."

Ryan Kesler started the play by keeping the puck in the Shark zone along the boards.

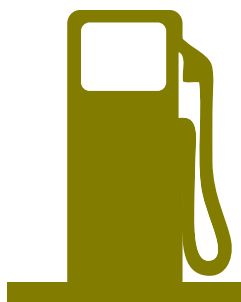
"I couldn't be more happy for Hank for that goal," Kesler said. "He's been working hard, doing all the right things. For him to finally get one, it's good."

Bieksa tied the game at 7:03. He took a pass from Alex Burrows and then launched a rocket past Niemi's stick side.

Bieksa credited Henrik Sedin and twin brother Daniel for igniting the Canucks' offence.

"The twins got going," he said. "When the twins get going like that they are almost unstoppable. They could of had three or four tonight."

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Boogaard's brain donated to science

Minnesota hockey fans planned a memorial for Derek Boogaard last night to honour the former NHL tough guy who was found dead in his apartment last week, five months after a season-ending concussion that left his family wondering if his career as an enforcer had damaged his brain.

Boogaard's agent and a spokeswoman for the Boston University School of Medicine confirmed yesterday that the family of the 28-year-old forward agreed to donate his brain

to researchers who will look for signs of a degenerative disease often found in athletes who sustain repeated hits to the head.

"It's an amazing thing he did and his family did. Hopefully, that'll bring some information," agent Ron Salcer told The Associated Press. "We don't know exactly the impact that the concussions might have played."

Boogaard, who missed the last half of last season with the New York Rangers due to a concus-

sion, was found dead in his Minneapolis apartment Friday. Police said there were no outward signs of trauma; results of an autopsy are expected to take several weeks.

So far, the only indication that Boogaard's death might be related to concussions is the fact that his family signed papers to donate his brain to the BU Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy. The donation was first reported by the Star Tribune of Minneapolis.

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Djokovic beats Nadal to lengthen 2011 streak

Novak Djokovic continued his recent mastery over top-ranked Rafael Nadal with a 6-4, 6-4 win in the Italian Open final yesterday that stretched the Serb's unbeaten start to the year to 37 matches.

The second-ranked Djokovic has beaten Nadal in all four finals they have played this year and defeated the Spaniard for the first time on clay in last week's Madrid Open final.

Djokovic is now the first player to beat Nadal on clay twice in the same year, a feat that comes exactly a week before the French Open starts.

"I definitely am amazed with my playing," Djokovic said. "But there's no time to enjoy it — I've got to get ready for Roland Garros."

Djokovic's edge over Nadal could enable him to overtake his rival for the No. 1 ranking the week after the French Open.

"He's doing amazing things. Every match he's very tough mentally and physically," Nadal said. "I'm doing everything I can. I can't ask myself any more now. I'm doing very well but one player is doing better than me. I am waiting every week to try solutions, so let's see."

Djokovic's streak this year trails only John McEnroe's 42-0 start in 1984.

Overall, Djokovic has won 39 consecutive matches stretching back to Serbia's Davis Cup triumph in December, sixth best in the Open era, seven behind Guillermo Vilas' record set in 1977. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► Novak Djokovic kisses the Italian Open trophy yesterday in Rome.

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Armando Bocaneala

This 11-year-old from Halifax is once again gearing up for the Doctors Nova Scotia Youth Run at this weekend's Scotiabank Blue Nose Marathon.

This will be the fourth time Armando has participated in the race and will be giving it his all when it's time to lace them up on the streets of Halifax.
Good luck Armando!

To see other Young Marathoners of the Day, watch CBC News Nova Scotia at 5 or check out tomorrow's paper!



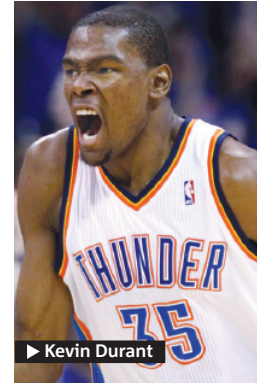
Thunder roll on to third round

► Franchise moves on to Western Conference final for first time since 1996, when it was still based in Seattle

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Kevin Durant bounced back from his worst play-off performance ever to score 39 points, Russell Westbrook had his first playoff triple-double and the Oklahoma City Thunder advanced to the NBA Western Conference final with a 105-90 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies in Game 7 yesterday.

Durant, the NBA scoring champion the past two seasons, followed the lowest-scoring game of his two post-season appearances with one of his best. He heated up in the second quarter after an entertaining exchange with his mother, put the Thunder in control late in the third,



► Kevin Durant

then put it away with a pair of two-handed slams in the fourth.

"Durant is a special player, one of the best

players in the NBA," said Memphis star Zach Randolph, who was limited to an inefficient 17 points and 10 rebounds. "The kid is a gym-rat, he works hard. He's one of my favourite players. You've got to give him kudos and give him respect."

"You see what he does night in and night out and he's just relentless."

Westbrook, criticized throughout the playoffs for taking too many shots, was at his all-around best with 14 points, matching his season high with 14 assists and producing extra possessions with 10 rebounds.

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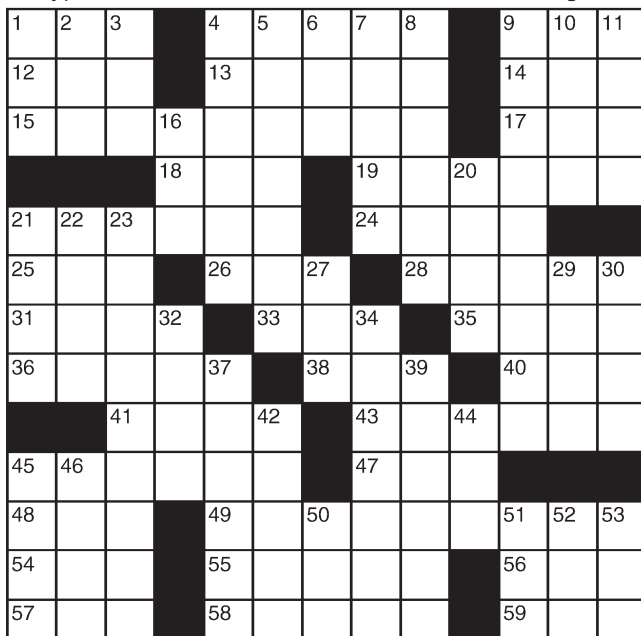
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Across

- 1 Marshland
- 4 Trusty horse
- 9 Easter entree
- 12 "Hail, Caesar!"
- 13 Individually owned apartment
- 14 Exist
- 15 Scary party time
- 17 Allow
- 18 Summer (Fr.)
- 19 Simoleons
- 21 Angora yarn
- 24 Upper limbs
- 25 Lawyers' org.
- 26 — Lingus
- 28 Wait patiently
- 31 Game played on horseback
- 33 Newcomer to society
- 35 Poi base
- 36 Alabama city
- 38 Evergreen type
- 40 Greek cross
- 41 Crumbly earth
- 43 Teen's wall decoration
- 45 Opportunity
- 47 Tribute in verse
- 48 That woman
- 49 Spice Girl Geri
- 54 Noah's boat
- 55 Bottled water brand
- 56 Storm center
- 57 Two (Sp.)
- 58 Prognosticators
- 59 Small barrel

Down

- 1 "Humbly!"
- 2 Eggs
- 3 Come together
- 4 Nova —



- 5 Rose to great heights
- 6 Away from WSW
- 7 Plant swelling
- 8 Philanthropists, e.g.
- 9 Austrian city important in the Iron Age
- 10 Neigh-borhood
- 11 Christian denom.
- 16 Meadow
- 20 Leave out
- 21 Charts
- 22 Reed instrument
- 23 Distinguishing characteristics
- 27 Ump
- 29 Scottish hillside

- 30 Thy
- 32 Muscat's country
- 34 Manic-depressive
- 37 McDonald's logo
- 39 "The Thinker" and "The Kiss," e.g.
- 42 Go
- 44 Stitch
- 45 African nation
- 46 Medal earner
- 50 Falsehood
- 51 "A mouse!"
- 52 Caustic solution
- 53 Journey segment

► Yesterday's answer



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- ♈ **Aries** March 21-April 20 If you need some extra cash you will find ways to get it today.
- ♉ **Taurus** April 21-May 21 What yesterday seemed so vague will become crystal clear today.
- ♊ **Gemini** May 22-June 21 What happens today may look like bad news but this particular cloud has a huge silver lining.
- ♋ **Cancer** June 22-July 22 If you find yourself at odds with the status quo today that's a good sign. Be a catalyst for change.
- ♌ **Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 Stand up and

speak up for what you believe in. The more others try to shout you down the more you know they have something to hide.

♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 If you feel in need of a break now is a good time to start making plans.

♎ **Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You want nothing more than to be left alone with your thoughts.

♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Some of the things you have to say today won't go down too well.

♐ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Be secretive about your plans. You

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can be too chatty sometimes.

♑ **Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Any doubts about what you are doing will disappear over the next 24 hours.

♒ **Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 A Venus-Mercury conjunction will help you say the right things to people you love.

♓ **Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20. You have become a bit too predictable of late and need to do something to remind people that you are not to be taken for granted. Think about it. SALLY BROMPTON

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